

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
PARKS AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY**

Council Conference Room
15670 NE 85th Street, Redmond, Washington

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Council:

Angela Birney, Chair
Kim Allen, Member *(not in attendance)*
Hank Myers, Member
Byron Shutz *(Attending Council Member)*
John Stilin *(Attending Council Member)*
Hank Margeson *(Attending Council Member)*

Staff:

Alaric Bien, Senior Planner
Carolyn Hope, Parks Planning and Cultural Arts
Administrator
Mr. Jeff Hagen, Recreation Program Administrator
Mark Hickok, Recreation Division Manager
Jessica Rubenacker, Cultural Arts Administrator
Kent Hay, Program Coordinator
Marty Boggs, Recreation Program Administrator
Janet Lee, Program Coordinator
Cheryl Xanthos, CMC, Deputy City Clerk

Convened: 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:30 p.m.

Committee Chair Angela Birney called the meeting to order, reviewed attendance, and overviewed the agenda.

Summer Program Recap

Mr. Mark Hickok, Recreation Division Manager, Mr. Jeff Hagen, Recreation Program Administrator, and Mr. Marty Boggs, Recreation Program Administrator, provided a recap of the summer program:

- Recreation programs:
 - 1,300 activities;
 - 8,500 registrants;
 - 500 day camps with 4,500 campers;
- picnic shelter and field rentals have gone up;
- swimming beach at Idylwood Park had 43,000 visitors;
- sports leagues and field use;
- Senior Center:
 - outdoor concerts at the Senior Center averaged 700 visitors a night;
 - Motor Madness;
 - Derby Days;
- Teen Center:
 - served over 1,750 lunches for the summer lunch program;
 - summer movie program had approximately 160 people for each of the six movies; and
 - Big Truck Day.

General discussion ensued regarding drownings at Angle Lake in SeaTac; qualified lifeguards; water safety classes; expense of Big Truck Day; large groups using Idylwood Park; and movie series attendance.

Community Center Update

Ms. Carolyn Hope, Parks Planning and Cultural Arts Administrator, provided an update on the Community Center:

- planning the communication of the project;
- working with key stakeholders;
- key messages and an awareness campaign will be provided; and
- larger stakeholder group will be convened.

General discussion ensued regarding the size of the stakeholder group and incorporating costs of the project into the stakeholder group process.

So Bazaar Recap and Upcoming Fall/Winter Events

Ms. Jessica Rubenacker, Cultural Arts Administrator, provided a recap on So Bazaar and discussed upcoming events:

- So Bazaar
 - interactive – participation and demonstrations;
 - maintain magic – programing elevated and unexpected;
 - keep evenings moving – different themes each night and staggering programming;
 - bring back the night market – focus on evening hours;
 - food and arts focused – incorporating chef demonstrations based on evening theme, market had a food focus;
 - reached attendance goal;
 - 50 percent of demographic goal;
 - 91 percent of people surveyed said they would return;
 - approximately 4,000 people attended the first night and 2,500 on each of the last two nights;
 - food and drink vendors did better than the previous year;
 - goal for next year is to increase partnerships;
- Fall/Winter Events:
 - Malika Festival;
 - Seattle South Asian Film Festival; and
 - Redmond Lights.

General discussion ensued regarding improvement in the food offerings for So Bazaar; the scheduled date of Redmond Lights; incorporating different culinary products; and recipe cards.

Tea Exhibit

Ms. Janet Lee, Program Coordinator, stated that Eight Cups of Tea will be displayed in the City Hall Lobby, and will highlight eight different ceramics from different tea ceremonies. The goal is to represent Redmond's diverse community, the arts program and the clay studio. The three

programs are planned on October 10th highlighting Asian tea, November 11th highlighting Middle Eastern tea, and December 1st highlighting European tea.

General discussion ensued regarding local partnerships.

Community Development Block Grant Recommendations

Mr. Alaric Bien, Senior Planner, provided number estimates and stated that the proposal will provide funding for Congregations for the Homeless, ARCH (A Regional Coalition for Housing), and administration costs, in the same proportions as in previous years. The final numbers may fluctuate some and the proportions will adjust as necessary. The committee approved this item to go forward on the consent agenda for the October 4, 2016, City Council regular business meeting.

Food Drive Update

Mr. Bien stated that the food drive will be held on September 17-18, 2016, and most of the Council Members have signed up to participate. Wish list food items will be marked in the store.

General discussion ensued throughout regarding the Mayor's Month of Concern; working with Hopelink; and transportation of the donated food.

Homeless Outreach Update

Mr. Kent Hay, Program Coordinator, provided an update on Homeless Outreach:

- during July 14-August 29, 2016, contact was made with 82 homeless individuals;
- 74 percent male and 26 percent female;
- the resource center will open next week at the library;
- library drop-in hours on Monday and Tuesday;
- people need help navigating resources;
- working with Police officers has been productive;
- rapid rehousing; and
- networking for resources;

General discussion ensued regarding an age breakdown; types of resources provided; veteran services; and building relationships.